

# "The Good Earth" Opens At The Craterian Today At Popular Prices

PEARL BUCK NOVEL  
BROUGHT TO SCREEN  
STARRING PAUL MUNI

After sensational successes throughout the country as a road-show attraction, the two million dollar production of Pearl S. Buck's "The Good Earth" reaches Medford, opening a four-day showing today at the New Craterian theatre at popular prices.

One of the most widely read stories of the last decade, "The Good Earth" was two years in preparation. Another year was used in the actual production—no stone was left unturned to make every scene authentic. A whole hillside was planted in regular Chinese style, only to be devastated by a plague of locusts. This particular scene is one of the highlights of the picture, and classes with the memorable earthquake scene of "San Francisco" for thrills and spectacle.

The dramatic story of China's millions, their struggles, their hardships, and the intensely human heartbeat of the great and little known nation, comes at a fitting moment—when war with Japan fills newspaper headlines as the two oriental nations carry on the battle that has kept China in a turmoil for many years.

In the role of Wang Lung, the farmer, is Paul Muni—eminent actor who won the Academy Award last year for his portrayal of Louis Pasteur. As Wang, Muni again makes a bid for Academy recognition, many critics feeling his work in this picture exceeds his fine work in the previous film.

Luise Rainer, winner, also, of the Academy Award last year for her work in "Great Ziegfeld," plays the intensely dramatic role of Wang's wife, O-Lan.

Prominent players include Walter Connolly as the uncle, the dancer, Tilly Losch, as Lotus, Charley Grapewin as the old father, Jessie Ralph as Cuckoo, Soo Yong as the aunt, Keye Luke as the elder man, Roland Liu as the younger son and many other famous occidental and Chinese players in the featured roles.

General Theodore Tu, loaned by the Chinese government as technical advisor, traveled all over the Pacific coast with Muni, seeking Chinese players.

The story of "The Good Earth" deals with Wang Lung, a poor farmer who is given O-Lan, a slave girl, as wife. Her devotion and tireless effort help him to prosper. Famine destroys the farms and the two go

## Gay Comedy at Rialto Wednesday



Beautiful Ann Dvorak and John Trent make their first appearance as screen lovers in "She's No Lady," a gay comedy of double mistaken identity which comes to the Rialto theatre for Wednesday and Thursday. Trent, former TWA pilot, is

fast becoming one of the screen's most popular leading men. "Westbound Limited," a fiery drama of death at high speed shares double bill honors with Lyle Talbot and Polly Rowles in the two leading roles.

to the city. During an uprising, O-Lan succeeds in getting jewels from a looted house. They become wealthy and Wang, aping the rich and taking for himself another wife, finds on the death of O-Lan, that his life as a farmer was all that counted.

## Return Showing Of "Hell Divers"

"Hell Divers," sensational romance of naval aviation, which plays a demand return engagement at the Rialto theatre starting a three day run today, stars in the leading roles two of today's greatest stars, Clark Gable and Wallace Beery. The film combines the most remarkable airplane maneuvers ever staged by the navy, with a dramatic plot that, with all its romantic qualities, has something heroic in it.

During the play of "Hell Divers," audiences will have the opportunity to witness again the breath-taking stunts and escapades that made the film, literally the "talk of the town" a few years back. Many familiar old faces will be seen in the leading roles. Prominent supporting roles are filled by Conrad Nagel, Dorothy Jordan, Marjorie Rambeau, Marie Prevost, Cliff Edwards and John Miljan.

The story deals with the rivalry between Beery, as a navy veteran, and Gable, a new style of sailor, and typifies the conflict between old and new ideas in naval operations. The central romance is between Beery and Miss Rambeau, as a keeper of a Panama resort, who

## "Ever Since Eve" Here Soon



With Marion Davies and Robert Montgomery as co-stars, and a supporting cast that includes such popular comedians as Frank McHugh, Patay Kelly, Louise Fazenda and Allen Jenkins, "Ever Since Eve" is

coming Thursday to the Craterian theatre.

It is described as the sprightliest piece of nonsense that either the lovely golden-haired Miss Davies or handsome Bob has ever played in

## Pass Man, 79, Shot In Feud, Succumbs

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 21. — (AP) — George Bryan, 71, plumber, died at a hospital here this morning. He was admitted August 6 in critical condition from a shotgun wound in his chest.

Fred W. Berger, 79, in county jail under \$5,000 bail pending grand jury

## Gold Digger



Joan Blondell, recognized as the champion gold digger of the screen, is co-starring with Hubby Dick Powell in the fifth, biggest and best of the "Gold Digger" series, the "Gold Diggers of 1937," which plays at the Rialto theatre today and tomorrow. An all-star cast of hundreds supports the leads in the laugh and song loaded hit.

Evening schools were introduced into France from England in 1820.

## TALISMAN LODGE No. 31, Knights of Pythias

Initiation Knight Rank, Monday, August 23rd.

All members are requested to attend. Visiting members welcome. Refreshments will be served.

C. Fichtner, C. C.

## \$250,000 LOSS AS PLANING MILL AT GLENDALE BURNS

GLENDALE, Ore., Aug. 21. — (AP) —

Weary firemen still fought this morning to keep in check flames which last night raged through the Ingham Lumber company plant here, causing damage roughly estimated at \$250,000. The flames swept through five dry kilns, destroyed the large planing mill and consumed more than four million feet of lumber.

Hundreds of men, engaged in fighting the blaze shortly after its discovery at 7:10 o'clock last night, drove the fire back from the main portion of the mill and saved that \$300,000 plant. The firefighters were aided by the wind, which was blowing away from the mill proper.

Lacking equipment sufficient for the needs, men engaged in combating the blaze stomped out live embers with their feet and tore away burning material with their hands as they worked on the mill roof and on piles of lumber in the mill yards.

Lumber carrier drivers, shielding their faces with blankets, drove their unsteady vehicles into the very edge

of the blistering inferno, and at high speed dragged out smoking piles of lumber and robbed the fire of fuel for its spread.

Water to fight the blaze was pumped from the mill pond by the mill's steam plant, which was put into operation after power lines were destroyed. Calls sent to Roseburg and Grants Pass for equipment resulted in a pumper being dispatched from Grants Pass to furnish additional lines of hose. Men furnished by the Douglas County Forest Protective Association aided the Glendale firefighters.

The fire was believed to have started from sparks from the waste fuel incinerator or from a locomotive.

## BEND STORES TO OPEN UP SUNDAY

BEND, Aug. 21. — (AP) — Bend will be an open town after today, as far as grocery stores are concerned. Recent agreements between operators and union clerks, closing on Saturday nights and Sundays were abandoned by mutual consent as a result of protests from tourists. Under the new plan clerks will receive overtime pay.

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## JOYCE PREDICTS RAIL RATE BOOST

PORTLAND, Aug. 21. — (AP) — American railroads must increase rates or submit to government ownership to meet rapidly rising operating costs, P. J. Joyce of Chicago, president of the Chicago Great Western railroad, said here.

He said the emergency was "grave and immediate," wage increases alone having added \$630,000 to the annual operating expense of his road, which has only 1,500 miles of line.

"The ultimate consumer pays the bill in any case, and the way costs are rising, he'd better have plenty to pay it with," Joyce said.

## BENNINGTON, Vt., Aug. 21. — (AP) —

Morton Denison Hull, 60, former Republican congressman from Illinois, died during the night at his summer home after a long illness.

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"Save My Children!..." A mother pleads for her young

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